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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: QRP-L digest 1838

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by Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
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by "Dave Benham" <dodgeboy@mindspring.com>  
20) [71453] Rochester NY Hamfest  
by "Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US" <kanga@bright.net>  
21) [71454] Re: slow speed CW  
by NB6M@aol.com  
22) [71455] Re: PARTS SHORTAGE!!??  
by Dave Fifield <fifield@pacbell.net>  
23) [71456] Re: License upgrades  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
24) [71457] Re: slow speed CW  
by Vance Huntsinger <vhuntsinger@iwic.net>  
25) [71458] QRP from VK & ZL Land  
by Wayne <walexan@ipa.net>  
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by "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>  
27) [71460] Unbuilt DSW-30 plus Enclosure  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
28) [71461] Re: PARTS SHORTAGE!!??  
by Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
29) [71462] Re: License upgrades  
by "Don Wines" <dwines@tyler.net>  
30) [71463] Re: License upgrades  
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32) [71465] Re: QRP from VK & ZL Land  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
33) [71466] NorCal NPO Cap kits gone.  
by "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@hotmail.com>  
34) [71467] Was slow speed CW: Now CW Operating  
by Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
35) [71468] Re: License upgrades  
by "Daniel" <hamop@pixi.com>  
36) [71469] Re: CW Speeds,CW HF contact schedule with Finnish ham  
by MARTIN J STRATTON <kc2cwn@juno.com>  
37) [71470] Re: License upgrades  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
38) [71471] Ok I try it! Any more DSW kits for sale?  
by ABCQRP <w6abc@yahoo.com>  
39) [71472] Ok I'll try...any more DSW kits for sale? I'd like one!  
by ABCQRP <w6abc@yahoo.com>  
40) [71473] Re: Soldering question (temperature)  
by "Leon Heller" <leon\_heller@hotmail.com>  
41) [71474] DL PA for Sierra  
by "Thaire Bryant" <tbry37@ici.net>  
42) [71475] Re: QRP from VK & ZL Land  
by Wayne <walexan@ipa.net>  
43) [71476] Re: slow speed CW

- by Scott Hotchkiss <w4pj@bellsouth.net>
- 44) [71477] Re: License upgrades  
by Makos327@aol.com
- 45) [71478] Re: slow speed CW  
by Jim Durkin <jimdurkin@yahoo.com>
- 46) [71479] Re: License upgrades  
by af852@rgfn.epcc.edu (William R Colbert)
- 47) [71480] RE: Macintosh terminal software WTD  
by Dave Barrett <DBarrett@creo.com>
- 48) [71481] FS: R-100, R-9000 maybe  
by Niel Skousen <nskousen@scientech.com>
- 49) [71482] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
- 50) [71483] [CONTEST]QRP Contesting - June 2000  
by Ken Newman <N2CQ@citnet.com>
- 51) [71484] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 52) [71485] WI-QRP-QSO party results  
by Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com
- 53) [71486] RE: California Board  
by "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@ispchannel.com>
- 54) [71487] Re: slow speed CW  
by tailfeathers@juno.com
- 55) [71488] Happy Holidays....  
by "Andy GM0NWI" <Gm0nwi@tesco.net>
- 56) [71489] Re: Happy Holidays....  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
- 57) [71490] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
- 58) [71491] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by "Bradfield, Brad V." <BBradfield@spectrapoint.com>
- 59) [71492] RE: Macintosh terminal software WTD  
by "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>
- 60) [71493] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
- 61) [71494] Analog Meters  
by "Davies, Doug A FOR:EX" <Doug.Davies@gems3.gov.bc.ca>
- 62) [71495] Re: Happy Holidays....  
by "Mark Erbaugh" <mark@microenh.com>
- 63) [71496] FS/Trade: MFJ493 keyer (distressed)  
by Allan G Taylor <k7gt@qsl.net>
- 64) [71497] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>
- 65) [71498] Re: Happy Holidays.. (Elecraft open?)  
by Eric Swartz WA6HHQ - Elecraft <eric@elecraft.com>
- 66) [71499] RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by carlos.caro@lmco.com
- 67) [71500] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)

by Richard Matthews <prm@hiwaay.net>  
68) [71501] RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by Richard Matthews <prm@hiwaay.net>  
69) [71502] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
70) [71503] Re: FS/Trade: MFJ493 keyer (distressed)  
by Allan G Taylor <k7gt@qsl.net>  
71) [71504] New Gusher Antenna FS  
by "Joe Everhart" <n2cx@voicenet.com>  
72) [71505] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>  
73) [71506] RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by "Randy Randall" <RANDALLR@Healthall.com>  
74) [71507] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by Richard Matthews <prm@hiwaay.net>  
75) [71508] Re: License upgrades  
by "Mark Erbaugh" <mark@microenh.com>  
76) [71509] License Upgrades and EatingCrow  
by nally@talstar.com  
77) [71510] Re: License upgrades  
by Wb8siw@aol.com  
78) [71511] RE:Happy Holidays...THANKS  
by "Andy GM0NWI" <Gm0nwi@tesco.net>  
79) [71512] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by David Hinerman <dlh1009@ritvax.isc.rit.edu>  
80) [71513] Re: License Upgrades and EatingCrow  
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
81) [71514] FOX Results?  
by "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>  
82) [71515] Re: License upgrades  
by Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI <ka9nzi@arrl.net>  
83) [71516] RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by "baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com" <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
84) [71517] Re: Analog Meters  
by "Bradfield, Brad V." <BBradfield@spectrapoint.com>  
85) [71518] Re: Analog Meters  
by "Ron White" <rwhite@netins.net>  
86) [71519] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>  
87) [71520] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
88) [71521] Silent Key  
by "George Dobbs" <g3rjv@gqrp.demon.co.uk>  
89) [71522] RE: Analog Meters  
by Radman <radman@best.com>  
90) [71523] Re: Analog Meters  
by "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
91) [71524] Re: License upgrades & C.C. Plummer

- by "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>
- 92) [71525] Re: License upgrades & C.C. Plummer  
by David Heintzleman <pstrdave@kdsi.net>
- 93) [71526] Re: Silent Key  
by "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>
- 94) [71527] Re: Analog Meters  
by "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>
- 95) [71528] Re: Analog Meters  
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
- 96) [71529] slow speed CW  
by Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com
- 97) [71530] Re: Analog Meters  
by "Randall" <Firefox@Southwind.net>
- 98) [71531] SG-2020 is the battery case made-o-gold?  
by "Randy Randall" <RANDALLR@Healthall.com>
- 99) [71532] Re: SG-2020 is the battery case made-o-gold?  
by Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>
- 100) [71533] The Bottom End of 10 Meters  
by flyer@hooked.net
- 101) [71534] Interesting QRP Site  
by "Brad Hernlem" <alihernlem@hotmail.com>
- 102) [71535] Your Novice Accent  
by Stephen Trier <sct@po.cwru.edu>
- 103) [71536] Re: Silent Key  
by Bob Hightower <nk7m@extremezone.com>
- 104) [71537] DL\_PA INFO  
by "Thaire Bryant" <tbry37@ici.net>
- 105) [71538] Re: SG-2020 is the battery case made-o-gold?  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
- 106) [71539] Re: Your Novice Accent  
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
- 107) [71540] Re: Analog Meters  
by Steve Yates <aa5tb@yahoo.com>
- 108) [71541] Re: The Bottom End of 10 Meters  
by Steve Yates <aa5tb@yahoo.com>
- 109) [71542] QRP Social Capital on NPR  
by Roger J Wendell <zeekzilch@juno.com>
- 110) [71543] Dead cordless phones, was Re: through hole parts shorage?  
by zmola@campbellsci.com
- 111) [71544] Re: The Bottom End of 10 Meters  
by W1R0@aol.com

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 18:05:34 -0500  
From: "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>  
To: K2UD@aol.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71434] Re: OT: Macintosh terminal software WTD

Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20000530180534.007ad190@mail.globeco.net>  
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Howard,

I used Z-Term terminal only software from Alverson software with my KAM for packet. Straight terminal mode, now packet specific features.

A newer one with packet specific features is Multimode from Blackcat software. Blackcat is on the web.

Kantronics used to have a Mac version for their KAMs. They are pretty good about replying to email questions.

Chuck Carpenter, Point, Rains County, Texas -- EM22cv, RARA #003  
ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, SOC #57, Six Club #201, SMIRK #6275

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 17:09:32 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: nally@talstar.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71435] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <3934583C.3459F30E@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

John Nall wrote:

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> Kind of an interesting theory, no? :-)  
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Strange is more like it. The "theory" is really not clear to me, since

they had to have passed the Advanced element at some point to get an Extra in the first place.

Phil

Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 20:44:16 -0400 (EDT)  
From: "baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com" <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71436] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.4.05L.10005302042300.22858-100000@vh1.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Let's see, that means they will probably turn in their unlicensed guns, and then buy new ones with trigger locks....or, go to the hypnotist to unlearn CW, so they can relearn it and take the better code test.

[illegible]

<a href="http://www.baltimoremd.com/">http://www.baltimoremd.com/</a>	Baltimore's Home Page
<a href="http://www.baltimorehon.com">http://www.baltimorehon.com</a>	Home of the Baltimore Lexicon
<a href="http://www.min.net/~thom/">http://www.min.net/~thom/</a>	Home of the Drake Mailing List

Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 19:56:13 -0500  
From: "Gary Lee Phillips" <ka9nzi@arrl.net>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71437] Re: CW Speeds, new upgrades and etc  
Message-ID: <200005310056.UAA00722@maynard.mail.mindspring.net>

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No, the FCC hasn't said anything of the kind. They have said that 5 wpm is sufficient to allow one to have HF operating privileges. They haven't set a speed limit at 5 wpm, for pete's sake.

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-- Gary Phillips, Marengo, IL <mailto:ka9nzi@arrl.net>  
KA9NZI, Seneca Twp., McHenry Co., IL Grid: EN52rg  
QRP-L #2124 <http://www.qsl.net/ka9nzi/>

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:02:04 -0400  
From: "Dave Benham" <dodgeboy@mindspring.com>  
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71438] Re: License Upgrades  
Message-ID: <014801bfca9b\$d7078880\$02d579a5@hqa.chrysler.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The sound like candidates for the Darwin Award to me... ;>)  
Dave K8TRF

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 20:40:22 -0400  
From: "Tim Cook" <timcook@erinet.com>  
To: "QRP" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71439] FS/T: Audio Filters and Microphone  
Message-ID: <019b01bfca98\$ce479260\$c8ef00cf@erinet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
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ALL ITEMS PLUS SHIPPING.....

Autek QF-1A AM/SSB/CW audio filter looks and works good, built in ac supply,  
with paperwork \$25

MFJ 784 DSP Filter works good with box and manual \$75



Turner +2 (SSB Transistorized) power mic good condition with 8 pin mic plug  
wired for radio shack HTX-100 10m rig. \$25

please email direct with any questions,

would trade all three for a good 40m qrp rig

thanks

Tim

NZ8J

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:12:46 -0400  
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: <ka9nzi@arrl.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71440] Re: CW Speeds, new upgrades and etc  
Message-ID: <007901bfca9d\$aa653960\$e215fea9@dads-hp>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
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Right Gary, but I think it even goes a bit further. The FCC has  
now said you only need 5 wpm as proof that you you can do  
CW and have access to HF bands. After entry, it's the way  
it should be. Do your personal best and improve as you can.

The FCC has put no limit on your self improvement!

Mike

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> QRP-L #2124 <http://www.qsl.net/ka9nzi/>  
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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:12:33 -0400  
From: "Mike Yettsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: <w7ox@earthlink.net>, "QRP Mail List" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71441] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <007801bfca9d\$a7598000\$e215fea9@dads-hp>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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In actual fact, I doubt ONE PERSON did this, but people are spreading this urban legend that they did. The idea is that they feel the extra license is not worth anything since it doesn't require 20wpm anymore, so they want a way to PROVE they took a higher code speed test.

Well, I guess maybe they are right, THEIR extra license wasn't worth anything...

Mine will be when I get it!

Mike

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>Phil

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 13:23:26 +1200  
From: Peter Loveridge <peterlov@ihug.co.nz>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71442] Home brew magmounts  
Message-ID: <200005310123.NAA31555@smtp1.ihug.co.nz>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hello all,

I do not know what magnets are available in the US, but in my job I was a system programmer for a mainframe. We used to upgrade disk storage from time to time and the obsolete drives could go to the local radio club. 1980s vintage drives had "voice-coil" positioning ceramic magnets up to 6 in x 6 in which could be easily recovered. I use one with a layer of neoprene glued underneath to protect the car paint, speeds up to 75 mph no problem. Mainframes have a use after all.

If you know people working in this job, try alerting them to hams for obsolete equipment disposal. I can send a locally published article if there is interest.

If anyone works with NCR 9800 equipment, I would be interested to hear from them.

Regards,  
Peter Loveridge  
ZL1UKG

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 18:23:53 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: Mike Yetsko <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
Cc: QRP Mail List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71443] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <393469A9.38F2DF56@earthlink.net>  
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Agreed .. and if they want to prove anything, seems the best way would be to operate CW at a blazing speed. Good CW ops are far more impressive than someone (me included) who passed a 20 WPM multiple choice test.

Phil

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:24:27 EDT  
From: AdamN7YA@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71444] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <67.4c427aa.2665c3cb@aol.com>  
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In a message dated 5/30/2000 3:43:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time, nally@talstar.com writes:

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That is funny...and i do feel the advanced written was quite a bit more challenging than the Extra written. but the funny thing is that outside of our hobby...going out into the real world and trying to convince the populace at large that you are "better" because you passed the "real mans extra" and not the "extra lite" will be met with blank stares and eventually a shake of the head...if they dont just walk away from you entirely with the image of another societal nutcase etched in thier minds, in other words...it doesnt mean a whole lot to anyone but us as to what happens to the hobby internally, all they see is the face value...is the whining a good marketing strategy? you know it isnt and so do i, but there is a contingent who want things to stay the way they remember it to be "back in MY day"...new blood couldnt care less about it.

I for one dont want to see ham radio represented that way. but all i can do is what i can do...ill just continue to do my part, promoting ham radio as a family, not a bunch of elite geeks. the other side, the doomsayers and elitists, will hopefully relax or rediscover the joy of CB...its their choice. I hope its the first one, but i cant control the flow of a river, i can just make sure my front yard stays clean. I will continue to introduce people to the joy of my hobby and leave it up to them, and when i manage to interest someone i will walk them through and start them off with the proper ways of the hobby so that maybe a productive and excited new ham can get the most out of what we enjoy as hams...and maybe they themselves will elmer the next line of new recruits. one can hope!

The first ham i elmered was back in 1985, i looked him up in Buckmasters and hes still there...i was elated!! I encouraged fair play and observation of the rules and most of all FUN! and he is still among our ranks. that isnt about 'me'...its about 'us', these many different types of people that encompass our hobby gives us a variety that one could explore for years. trying to exclude new hams, regardless of HOW they got there only serves to weaken the threads that hold this family together....and i refuse to take part in that!

So to any ham who took the time to talk to someone about ham radio, regardless if they were old or young, or who took the time to teach someone..or a group of people like on this list...you deserve respect. if that ham chose to stay on the side of the positive...then you have my utmost gratitude and admiration....because that is the type of ham that will keep the hobby alive.

With that....im going to go grab a pizza....

72/73/74...Adam, N7YA

Las Vegas, NV...Zone 03

QRP-L #1608, SOC #143, Y Guy #2

Code Warrior #76, Hamusician #1

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 20:19:58 -0500  
From: "John Burnley" <burnleyia@home.com>  
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, <IaQRP-L@divis17.ped-gen.uiowa.edu>  
Subject: [71445] Club: The fun begins this Friday, June 2, 2000  
Message-ID: <006b01bfca9e\$568ba8a0\$1b790818@c149552-a.west1.ia.home.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The Iowa QRP Club will be active at the Sioux City Hamboree June 2, 2000 through June 3, 2000 in South Sioux City, NE. Here are the QRP Forums lined up for the Hamboree.

Friday June 2, 2000 (PM)

2:15 P.M. QRP DX and related strategies  
Adrian Weiss, W0RSP

3:15 P.M. Miscellaneous Antenna Hints and Kinks  
James 'Dr. Megacycle' Duffey, KK6MC/5

Saturday June 3, 2000 (AM)

9:00 A.M. Building, Manhattan Style  
Mike Fitzgibbon, N0MF

11:00 A.M. Baluns for QRP Operations  
James R. Duffey, KK6MC/5

Saturday June 3, 2000 (PM)

2:15 P.M. QRP DX and related strategies  
Adrian Weiss, W0RSP

3:30 P.M. Q & A session, what information do you want/need for successful QRP operating?

Jim Larsen just sent word that he will be bringing 5 QRP-L CD's donated by QRP ARCI for doorprizes. Jim is also personally donating an Alaskan Ulu knife (an example of an ulu is at

<http://www.alaskan.com/alaskanulu/brochure.htm>

) for a doorprize.

Our thanks to Jim AL7FS and ARCI for supporting our efforts at the hamfest. Jim will be at the hamfest for

some eyeball QSO's. Please look for him and say hello and share your QRP experiences with him. Jim Stafford (W4Q0) has also sent email telling me that ARCI is also sending FDIM compendiums for sale and some other doorprizes as well. I will announce those as soon as I receive them.

The club will also be giving away 3 P-Tick kits and our thanks to Jay Bromley (W5JAY) and the Ft. Smith QRP Group for donating the kits. The PTiCK is a paddle made of circuit board material that also has a TiCK keyer built on to the paddle. The TiCK keyer circuit is built Manhattan style. Depending on the turnout at the building event, a VE3DNL Marker Generator kit may make the doorprize list as well. Again many thanks to the folks from the Ft. Smith QRP Group.

The Club will also be giving away a surface mount TiCK keyer kit (with enclosure). Here is another good kit to introduce you to surface mount construction (while getting a great station accessory). Our thanks to Gary Diana (N2JGU) of Embedded Research for donating this kit.

Friday evening, we will have a kit building session for QRP & other interested ops, with expert, experienced builders to help and give tips for success. We will have a limited supply of VE3DNL Marker Generator Kits from the Ft. Smith QRP Club available for purchase to build during the event. Much thanks to Jay Bromley W5JAY for helping us with the kits. The time will be announced later but will probably be around 7 - 7:30 pm.

The Club will have QRP display tables both Friday (depending on what time I can sneak up there) and Saturday with vendor information (have you sent yours yet?) and QRP Club information. We currently have info for Small Wonder Labs, Kanga US, Ten Tec, and MFJ. If you would like your information to be a part of our display then email me ASAP. We will also have sample newsletters from the St. Louis QRP Society, QRP ARCI, G-QRP, NorCal, CW Operators Club (Australia), the Japan QRP Club, and (of course) the Iowa QRP Club. If you would like to send us a sample of your clubs newsletter we would be happy to add it to our display.

The Club will be giving away a Tick Surface Mount Keyer Kit donated by Embedded Research (much thanks to Gary Diana N2JGU!). Be sure and stop by our table and register for the drawing!

There will also be a QRP luncheon Saturday noon (dutch treat). Time and place to be announced.

This is going to be a great time and I hope to see you in Sioux City! A big thanks to Jerry Huldeen (WB0T) who has coordinated all the QRP events and spent many hours putting together a very great program! My thanks also to Ade Weiss (W0RSP), Jim Duffey (KK6MC/5), and Mike Fitzgibbon (N0MF) for volunteering to give the QRP related presentations. I hope to see you in Sioux City.

Time to duck! Tornado warnings just issued!

72, John NU0V

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 18:35:07 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71446] Re: PARTS SHORTAGE!!??  
Message-ID: <20000531013507.9405.qmail@web2003.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

I guess we all need continuing education - me too!  
Anyway to those not familiar with the semiconductor industry - they make parts by the thousands on each run. The needs of small business and experimenters, and merchant parts suppliers is quite small compared to original equipment manufacturers. And those engaged in huge quantities use surface mount technology. Put another way, these machines solder a whole board full of parts at once! Imagine one of the kits we build going together in about a half hour! Well that's the industry I work in - the higher volume products they literally solder many complete boards together simultaneously, with other equipment placing all the components. The "sudden" reduced availability of parts we use, either in kits we buy or homebrewing is a bit of a shockwave - let's hope for wise decision making by all. curt wb8yyy

--- chuck munce <k0gjx@email.msn.com> wrote:  
> I have been following this thread for while, and it  
> seems to me that small  
> manufacturers should form a buying group. Find out  
> what is common to each  
> and go from there. When i was in the dist. business  
> i found all types of



> importers who were glad to sell me a few of this and  
> that. And most of the  
> time at great saving's Just a thought....chuck  
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>  
> CHUCK MUNCE K0GJX  
> CHECK OUT THE SLUG SAVER/ORGANIZER FOR YOUR BIRD  
>  
<http://www.tc.umn.edu/nlhome/m374/husby002//k0gjsx/k0gjsx.htm>  
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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 19:58:37 -0600  
From: Ray Colbert <af852@rgfn.epcc.edu>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71447] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <393471CD.681B1751@rgfn.epcc.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 18:04:20 -0800  
From: Anthony Felino <anthony@pacinfosb.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71448] slow speed CW  
Message-ID: <Chameleon.959738063.anthony@anthony-400>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; CHARSET=ISO-8859-1

Gang,

I don't think anyone should be afraid to come on the bands with a slow knowledge of CW. But many beginners aren't aware that what marks them as a beginner, and what is difficult for an operator on the other end, is poor procedure, not code speed. Most people's speed quickly goes up from on the air experience, but you hear guys who can copy and send pretty well but are still excruciating to work. It doesn't take any extra skill to use faster and more universally understood procedure. In some cases it can more than double your codespeed.

For example, look at the following exchange:

wn6q wn6q de kf6xxx kf6xxx kf6xxx bt your rst is 579 579 . my qth is  
lompoc, ca lompoc, ca bt my name is todd todd. back to you wn6q  
wn6q wn6q de kf6xxx kf6xxx kf6xxx kn

I've sorta combined a bunch of annoying things in one transmission here, but I've heard things pretty close to this.

First thing, if someone sounds pretty loud to you, you should probably guess that they can get everything the first time. If they don't, they will ask you for a fill. If they have already given you a signal report that starts in "5," like 579, you know they don't need repeats. Without repeats the above exchange becomes:

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lompoc, ca bt my name is todd. back to you wn6q  
de kf6xxx kn

That's quite a bit shorter already. QTH is a signal meaning "my location is..." so "my QTH is..." is redundant. We can get away without the word "is," as some languages do. Now if we just use one abbreviation of the many cw ops use, "u" for "you," the transmission becomes:

wn6q de kf6xxx bt ur rst 579. qth lompoc, ca  
bt name todd. back to u wn6q de kf6xxx kn

The use of KN may be a little controversial, but I don't think it has any place unless there is someone else on the frequency, like in a net or roundtable, and you want a specific station to reply. Otherwise just use K. It's snappier. If you have to send KN, send it as one letter, not two separate ones. Same with BK

So the way a more experienced op would transmit this would be:

wn6q de kf6xxx r ur rst 579 bt qth lompoc, ca bt name todd bt  
bk to u ar wn6q de kf6xxx k

I'd much rather copy that at any speed than the first example. The "r" tells me the other op copied everything, now I can relax and listen. It's about communication.

I'm sure others will have their (valid) opinions on this, but the above is more or less what you hear on the air from pretty good ops. There are lots of abbreviations and other procedural things to learn, and many of them are of value in speeding things up. This contributes to the feeling that a CW conversation doesn't really progress much slower than a fone conversation with a good operator. But you don't have to learn them all at once. Most of us are still learning.

72, WN6Q

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Anthony Felino, Pacific Information Design  
email: anthony@pacinfosb.com  
telephone: (805) 730 1565, x25  
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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:59:42 EDT  
From: K1DXradio@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71449] Re: FS: Poqet PC, excelnt cond.  
Message-ID: <9e.522468a.2665cc0e@aol.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The Poqet PC is spoken for. Thanks for all that responded so quickly!  
72 - George

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:11:24 -0500  
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71450] RE: CW Speeds, new upgrades and etc  
Message-ID: <01BFCA7B.9D1A5500.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ron comes thru with good common sense again ...

So this is mainly a "me too" post. I've allegedly copied short bursts from 45 to 60 WPM (if you believe RUFZ and a Morse proficiency contest I once took part in), but I'm much more comfortable at 25 wpm for casual QSO's. And even during contests, I'll usually set it around 29 or so.

And I agree about [not] matching the caller's speed. I don't know how many times I've slowed down to match the speed of a shaky fist calling me, only to be told, "Age is 80 ... I was a Morse operator in the military (or commerical service)." Discretely letting me know that he copied my initial speed just fine, and leaving me a bit embarassed for having slighted his ability with my QRS. So, I might tend to wait for the request to QRS. Or if the guy comes back and asks for repeats on everything, that might be a subtle clue that I should QRS.

OK ... back into the palace.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

-----Original Message-----  
From: Monte Stark [SMTP:ku7y@dri.edu]

Interesting posts about CW and speeds.

Something to keep in mind is that most all of us feel comfortable at a speed around 25% to 35% below our "top speed".

That's how I tend to do it. Lets say that I call CQ at 30 wpm and someone comes back at 20 wpm. I stay at 30 wpm unless I am asked to QRS. Far too many times I have slowed down only to be told to QRQ because the other station can copy just fine but can't send for various reasons.

And remember this ALWAYS.... FUN!!! This is what it's all about. FUN.

If you are having FUN, you are doing something right! If you are not having FUN, you are doing it wrong!

OK, back into that hole....

73, Ron

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:24:05 -0500  
From: "Kevin Muenzler WB5RUE" <wb5rue@stic.net>  
To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71451] RE: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <000001bfcaa7\$4b8db2f0\$3d3dc6d8@wb5rue>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Back in the "dark ages" of ham radio (the time between incentive licensing and the 10-year ticket, when hams were hams, xyl's were xyl's, yada yada yada...when vacuum tubes ruled supreme....) you had to be a General or Advanced for at least a year before you could even test for Extra. Novice was two years, not renewable. If your Novice ran out you had to wait a year to test again. Those were the good old days, you could warm your feet and read by the warm glow of your 1kw amp.

73/  
Kevin, WB5RUE

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
> [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of

> Ray Colbert  
> Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2000 8:59 PM  
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
> Subject: Re: License upgrades  
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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 22:30:07 -0400  
From: "Dave Benham" <dodgeboy@mindspring.com>  
To: <wb5rue@stic.net>  
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71452] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <028401bfcaa8\$238e2d60\$02d579a5@hqa.chrysler.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The "real" old days were when novices were licensed for 1 year and it was not renewable, ever! And yes, tubes are toasty!  
Dave K8TRF

----- Original Message -----  
From: Kevin Muenzler WB5RUE <wb5rue@stic.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2000 10:24 PM  
Subject: RE: License upgrades

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 22:54:31 -5

From: "Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US" <kanga@bright.net>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71453] Rochester NY Hamfest  
Message-ID: <200005310254.WAA05414@sparticus.bright.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

I will be at the Rochester NY Hamfest this weekend all three days. I will have the DK9SQ masts along and will have two erected in the Flea Market so I will be easy to find. One will have the DK9SQ loop on it, and the other will have a W7FG open wire fed doublet. I expect to have an operational rig or two along so you can see how the antennas work.

I will also have my usual supply of kits from Kanga and Hands Electronics, along with a supply of QRP related books.

If anyone is coming only on Sunday, drop me an e-mail before Thursday noon and let me know in case things get really slow and I decide to pull up stakes and head for home!

Hope to see some of you there.

73 - Bill - N8ET

Kanga US

kanga@mail.bright.net

<http://www.bright.net/~kanga/>

419-423-4604

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 22:53:54 EDT  
From: NB6M@aol.com  
To: anthony@pacinfosb.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71454] Re: slow speed CW  
Message-ID: <cc.53751d4.2665d8c2@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yep, Anthony, you are right, procedure helps a lot with the slower speed CW QSOs.

Your last example:

wn6q de kf6xxx r ur rst 579 bt qth lomdoc, ca bt name todd bt bk to u ar wn6q  
de kf6xxx

would be refined even further, to:



wn6q de kf6xxx r ur rst 579 57n qth lompoc lompoc ca name todd  
todd  
bk

To explain, this appears to be the return transmission to wn6q's transmission giving your report, his qth and his name. You would send wn6q de kf6xxx so as to assure him that you have correctly copied his call sign, and to give him yours again so as to help ensure that he has copied yours correctly. All the bt's are unnecessary, and are used mostly when you can't think of anything else to say and are trying to decide what to say next. So, in order to shift gears between thoughts, simply leave a little space.

His report is normally sent twice, once in all numbers, and then a second time with the first two characters as numbers and the last as "n" (if it is 9), as that is shorthand for the number 9. This helps ensure that he has copied his report, and is just good procedure. Same thing for your qth and your name. Punctuation such as commas are unnecessary. You would send your city twice, and your name twice just to help ensure that the other person has copied it correctly. After all, even though your signal is strong, he may be having the same difficulty copying CW as you are.

Then, instead of sending bk to u, ar, simply send bk. The "to u, ar" is unnecessary. The other ham will know that you are turning it "bk" to him or her, and that your transmission is ending. Also, as you know, you need identify only once each ten minutes, at the end of a transmission. So, sending your call after the "bk" is unnecessary unless that ten minute time limit is approaching.

Usually you can tell the experience level of the other person, and, depending on their experience level, they may be more comfortable with sending both their call and your call at both the beginning and the end of each exchange. One reason for this is that that way, for the inexperienced CW operator, it is easier to be sure that the signal you are listening to, and therefore copying, is in fact the one from your contact.

As your experience level improves, you will be able to tell by any number of things, from the tone of the signal you hear in your headsets or speaker to the characteristics of the other ham's "fist", and the repeated use of both calls will become redundant and cumbersome and you will simply use "bk".

On transmissions following the exchange of basic info (call, report, qth and name) one usually sends "r", or "fb" to indicate that you have copied the other ham's transmission OK, and then continues on with whatever conversational response is appropriate. At the end of the transmission, "bk" is sent, unless it is time to ID, in which case simply send "de (your call) k (or kn, if you wish)"

As your CW speed improves, you will find yourself re-inserting full words

instead of abbreviations, and even punctuation. But, either way, shortened version or longhand, procedure helps as Anthony says.

See you on the air. And, I WILL slow down to whatever speed you wish.

72

Wayne NB6M

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 19:48:07 -0700  
From: Dave Fifield <fifield@pacbell.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71455] Re: PARTS SHORTAGE!!??  
Message-ID: <003201bfcaaa\$a64d5440\$0100a8c0@pacbell.net>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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Curt et al,

Since I work in the commodity semiconductor industry, let me clarify a couple of things about parts shortages/lead times and make an appeal.

Generally, a semiconductor manufacturer will not consider running a wafer lot that yields less than 50,000 to 100,000 parts. For them to start a wafer lot of this size, they will require orders for at least that amount (probably more, since inevitably some customers renege on their orders based on the demand for the end product/s). When a product, such as the SA612AN, is in low demand by the industry, the supply is limited to the stock on hand at the various distributors until either a single 50-100K piece order or several smaller orders totaling this is/are received. While the semiconductor manufacturer is waiting for such an order to appear, the lead time will be set to anywhere from 26 to 52 weeks. This is what we are seeing currently on the SA612AN.

Most importantly, this should not stop anyone from ordering parts! As soon as orders for enough appear, the wafer lot will be scheduled in and run within about 6 to 8 weeks typically.

I therefore implore all existing and budding new kit vendors with enough cash to spare to place your orders NOW for the SA612AN, even though the lead time is 1 year! I will be placing an order for several thousand parts later this week.

Please follow my example, for the good of the hobby!

Thanks for listening es 72,  
Dave Fifield, AD6A

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 20:10:02 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: af852@rgfn.epcc.edu  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71456] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <3934828A.3D967B89@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Ray .. not necessarily what??

Phil

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> send/receive, theory for General Class, 20 wpm s/r for  
> the Extra and Extra theory - all before a FCC employee  
> examiner.  
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> --  
> "The more I see of the representatives of the people, the more I  
> admire my dogs." letter from Count d'Orsay to John Foster 1850  
> Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M NARTE-NCT2 SOC#78  
> MI-QRP 379QRP-ARCI 5784 NORCAL 1110, El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS  
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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 22:13:16 -0500  
From: Vance Huntsinger <vhuntsinger@iwic.net>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [71457] Re: slow speed CW  
Message-ID: <4.2.0.58.20000530215246.009d4100@mail.iwic.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Folks,

Anthony's post reminded me a little of the old joke about the street vendor who had a sign reading "Fresh Fish for Sale Here" and his attempt to shorten the sign. However, the point is very well taken. I, for one, have certainly been sloppy about this more times than I like to admit. I'm very new to QRP, and I'm not always confident that the other station can copy me as well as his or her "579" or whatever would indicate (I mean, 2 watts can't be doing that well, can it?). And I know that the other station can request a fill if needed, but... I think we need to take an honest assessment of our operating practices every once in awhile, so we don't start to be unconsciously influenced by common, but inefficient, CW "cliches."

By the way, in sending "ur rst 579", why not eliminate the "ur"?

73,  
Vance Huntsinger, WA9YDJ

At 06:04 PM 5/30/2000 -0800, Anthony Felino wrote:  
>So the way a more  
>experienced op would transmit this would be:  
>  
>wn6q de kf6xxx r ur rst 579 bt qth lomdoc, ca bt name todd bt  
>bk to u ar wn6q de kf6xxx k

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 22:18:15 -0500  
From: Wayne <walexan@ipa.net>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71458] QRP from VK & ZL Land  
Message-ID: <4.3.1.2.20000530221042.00a71340@popd.ipa.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"; format=flowed  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

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David Bixler W0CH VK2IQX ZL/W0CH

Seneca Missouri QRP-L # 618

There is his call sign that he has.

Hope you can work him.

Have fun,

73,

Wayne

N=D8EA

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 22:55:15 +0000

From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [71459] Re: Kits: DSW Production Interruption

Message-ID: <200005310333.XAA19689@wolf.ncia.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

> My other question is how much through hole work is necessary to produce  
> a dsw type tranceiver. Can most of it be done with SMT? Just wondering  
> if a \$100 single band cw rig (assembled with case) was a possibility.  
>

I built what is effectively a DSW-20 into a Whitmans Sampler tin,  
(about the same size as an Altoids, but a tad taller) using 98% SMT  
parts. Only the output LPF toroids and caps, modified 10.7 Mhz IF can  
for the input tuned circuit, electrolytic caps, xtal filter and the  
cpu are through hole. The cpu had to go on a little daughter board  
and also had to resort to push button tuning to fit it in the tin.  
Used a mini slide pot for volume and even has a soc LM386 audio amp  
built in.

But it's unlikely we'll see a \$100 all SMT version built, tested and  
with a case. Even though the DSW's are a popular rig, there isn't  
nearly enough volume to support having them built with automated  
equipment. Hand assembled is also too costly. Would you buy one for  
\$200? That's probably what it would have to cost.

An all smt DSW sure would be neat though. It would pretty much fit in  
a shirt pocket! Mine does :-)

72,  
Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire  
"melt solder"

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 20:43:11 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71460] Unbuilt DSW-30 plus Enclosure  
Message-ID: <39348A4F.9900D771@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have an unbuilt DSW-30 plus the custom enclosure. I doubt that I will  
ever build it, since I'm not a 30 meter type (my antenna does not like  
30 m) and I plan to build a K1 in August for 40/20 field ops.

If someone is interested, it is available for what I paid: \$95 for the  
rig and \$35 for the enclosure (which includes controls etc.) -- plus  
shipping, which I would guess to be around \$3 if done by Priority Mail  
(likely a bit more, since I would insure it. I'm not interested in

selling just one item without the other.

And if you have thoughts of buying it and converting it to 40 (for example), Dave has told me that it would not be a good idea.

If no one is interested, I will likely build it eventually (my DSW-20 is great!). But with the DSWs now unavailable, I feel motivated to offer this one if someone wants it now.

Phil W70X

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 20:45:29 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71461] Re: PARTS SHORTAGE!!??  
Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.10005302038380.23367-100000@rotor.dri.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi All,

This is a common problem for things other than electronic parts too.

Even in something as simple as our cloud seeding equipment we are always having to adapt our design to use new parts because the old ones are no longer available.

It seems that in all fields time moves on and new ideas replace old.

Redesigning mounting plates or control circuits to handle new sensors, ignition units, latching valves and etc is the rule of the day!

Then there is always the question of how well the new parts will work..... I learned a long time ago that "compatable" really means "NOT the same"! (Anyone else remember the term "Hayes compatable?) :-)

Keeping up is never easy. And change always happens!

OK, back in my hole.....

73, Ron

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 23:03:25 -0500  
From: "Don Wines" <dwines@tyler.net>  
To: <nally@talstar.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71462] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <009501bfcab5\$2c97cb20\$909286d0@oemcomputer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

John wrote:

> which I found interesting. Thought I would share it. Here tis:  
>  
> "I heard that several guys around here with Extra licenses gave up  
> their licenses and retested to become Advanced before April 15.  
They  
> wanted to have a license that "proved" they were better. Go figure."  
>  
> Kind of an interesting theory, no? :-)

Then Phil wrote:

>>Strange is more like it. The "theory" is really not clear to me, since  
>>they had to have passed the Advanced element at some point to get an  
>>Extra in the first place.

Then Thom wrote:

>>>Let's see, that means they will probably turn in their unlicensed guns,  
>>>and then buy new ones with trigger locks....or, go to the hypnotist to  
>>>unlearn CW, so they can relearn it and take the better code test.

Then Dave wrote:

>>>>The sound like candidates for the Darwin Award to me... ;>)

etc, etc.

Guys, Guys!!

Let a bad April fools joke rest in peace! Look at page 60 of the \_APRIL\_  
issue of CQ Mag!



;^))

72/73

Don, K5DW

QRP-L #2083

k5dw@arrl.net

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:11:44 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: dwines@tyler.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71463] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <39349100.50B63D2E@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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>  
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>

But who reads that??

Phil

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:12:35 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71464] Re: Unbuilt DSW-30 plus Enclosure  
Message-ID: <39349133.8F8A2ECB@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have two messages from folks wanting to buy the DSW-30. So I guess we can consider it sold.

Phil

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> this one if someone wants it now.  
>  
> Phil W7OX

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:15:30 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: walexan@ipa.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71465] Re: QRP from VK & ZL Land  
Message-ID: <393491E2.3FE35DE@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Band(s) and frequencies?

Phil

Wayne wrote:

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> Seneca Missouri QRP-L # 618

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> There is his call sign that he has.

> Hope you can work him.

> Have fun,

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> 73,

> Wayne

> N EA

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:16:32 PDT

From: "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@hotmail.com>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [71466] NorCal NPO Cap kits gone.

Message-ID: <20000531041632.16417.qmail@hotmail.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Guys if you hesitated, thought about it, you missed it. The 100 NorCal cap kits are gone. Thanks for the support. I'll deliver the kits to Jim Sunday and he will mail them next week as soon as he gets your check. 72, Doug, KI6DS

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:19:23 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71467] Was slow speed CW: Now CW Operating  
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.4.10.10005302110010.23367-1000000@rotor.dri.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi All,

Good posts from many on operating procedures.

I'd like to recomend reading the handbooks.....the older the better for good operating suggestions.

And don't forget that about 95% of the operators don't use the feature of any modern rig that makes CW work just like talking to someone..... QSK!

Don't repeat things. If the other station doesn't copy, they should send a few dits to get you to stop sending and they then ask for a fill.

While sending, be sure to be listening for a "break" to let you know that the other station wants to say something.

For those who really don't like QSK here is something that might help.....

Turn your RF gain down until you have good copy on the station you are working but puts the back ground noise way down. This way it's not as hard on your ears.

If your QSK doesn't work very well, try using what is known as Semi QSK. This was (is) how many of the older rigs worked. You keyed a tone generator which keyed the VOX. You set the VOX to have a hang time that would open between words to keep from killing your ears! :-)

But work at using the QSK. It is one of the best things to ever happen to CW.

And with these modern little rigs you don't even have to mess around with all those darned antenna swich-over circuits and RX muting things! :-)

And did I mention that there should be a law about having to use QSK any time you are working in a pile up so that you can stop sending when the station being chased startes sending?

:-)

OK, back in my hole again.....

73, Ron

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 18:49:25 -1000  
From: "Daniel" <hamop@pixi.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71468] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <200005310448.SAA29149@phoenix.pixi.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

ok... time for my view on this:

I don't think I need to prove anything to anyone in this hobby. If anyone, then maybe my self to show that, yes I can do it. I've been a Ham for a little over 5 years, most of them as an Advanced. I've been working on the code since I first got the Advanced license and couldn't get passed 15 wpm very well until I joined the Military. Now, I'm a Morse operator that can copy about 30 wpm with slight difficulty and 20's and even 25's a lot easier than before. I'm proud of my accomplishments, and the only person that I needed to prove any thing to is my self. I got my Extra before April 15 and whether it means anything to any one or not, it means something to me. I may not be the best but I'm still going to work on getting better. If anyone ever hears me on the air and wants me to slow down, send QRS a few

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73's

Daniel AH7MI

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 00:41:56 -0400

From: MARTIN J STRATTON <kc2cwn@juno.com>

To: ku7y@dri.edu

Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [71469] Re: CW Speeds,CW HF contact schedule with Finnish ham

Message-ID: <20000530.004157.3198.1.kc2cwn@juno.com>

Hi Im Martin KC2CWN/QRP

I speak Finnish fluently .

My Ultimate Goal:CW NTS Volunteer Emergency Communicator.

Would like to speed up my code skills by making CW contact.

My current speed is single character copy at 20 wpm.

Need to build up at least 1 word of back copy.

Pse send time and freq.

On minulla linukka jos tehoa tarvitaan.

73 de Martin kc2cwn/qrp

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 21:53:36 -0700

From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>

To: hamop@pixi.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71470] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <39349AD0.E4672E7A@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well put, Daniel.

Phil

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 23:28:49 -0700 (PDT)  
From: ABCQRP <w6abc@yahoo.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71471] Ok I try it! Any more DSW kits for sale?  
Message-ID: <20000531062849.25175.qmail@web2101.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 23:31:43 -0700 (PDT)  
From: ABCQRP <w6abc@yahoo.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71472] Ok I'll try...any more DSW kits for sale? I'd like one!  
Message-ID: <20000531063143.21600.qmail@web2102.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Looking to put a kit together and have noticed a couple of them surface here. Sooooooooooooo....If you have one with the enclousre (he says pushing his luck!)

Let me know. I was one of the folks who ordered a DSW 40 and then the problem with parts came up. I'd like to put one together before the K1 ships!

72,  
Jack W6ABC

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<http://im.yahoo.com/>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 01:08:19 PDT  
From: "Leon Heller" <leon\_heller@hotmail.com>  
To: REDSBOY@aol.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71473] Re: Soldering question (temperature)  
Message-ID: <20000531080819.84595.qmail@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>  
>For small boards and components for QRP stuff I have always used a 15 watt  
>soldering pencil with good results. I have been given a "soldering station"  
>with an pencil on which I can vary the temperature.  
>  
>Such a wide range of temperatures! What temperature do you suggest for the  
>type soldering I mentioned above? Of course I want to melt the solder but  
>not  
>the boards or components.

It depends on the solder you are using, so it's best to find out from the manufacturer. We use Multicore low-residue solder at work, so I got their



recommended temperature off the data sheet on their website.

73, Leon

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 06:42:35 -0400  
From: "Thaire Bryant" <tbry37@ici.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71474] DL PA for Sierra  
Message-ID: <200005311044.GAA01032@bajor.ici.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Does anyone have the English instructions for the DL-PA?  
I opened mine up last night (for the first time) and discovered  
that the manual is in German. I tried to find it on the Funkamateurl  
site, but could not get to the English pages.

I'll pay for copying and postage. Or can someone e-mail them  
to me?

Thanks,

Thaire W2APF

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 05:53:08 -0500  
From: Wayne <walexan@ipa.net>  
To: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71475] Re: QRP from VK & ZL Land  
Message-ID: <4.3.1.2.20000531055141.00a7a100@popd.ipa.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"; format=flowed  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Oops Sorry about that.  
So far on 14.060.  
Around that anyway.  
That is the only band he took with him I think.  
Have fun.

At 09:15 PM 5/30/00 -0700, Phil Wheeler wrote:

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> > THU 5/25 Honolulu, HI None - Fly to Sydney

> > FRI 5/26 DAY LOST IN TRAVEL ACROSS DATE LINE

> > SAT 5/27 Sydney, Australia UTC 5/27 1100

> > SUN 5/28 Sydney UTC 5/28 1100

> > MON 5/29 Coffs Harbour UTC 5/29 1100

> > TUE 5/30 Surfers Paradise UTC 5/30 1100

> > WED 5/31 Surfers Paradise UTC 5/31 1100

> > THU 6/1 Urangan UTC 6/1 1100

> > FRI 6/2 Bundaberg UTC 6/2 1100

> > SAT 6/3 Bundaberg UTC 6/3 1100

> > SUN 6/4 Brisbane UTC 6/4 1100

> > MON 6/5 Auckland, NZ UTC 6/5 1100

> > TUE 6/6 Rotorua, NZ UTC 6/6 1100

> > WED 6/7 Rotorua, NZ UTC 6/7 1100

> > THU 6/8 Fly to Tulsa None

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> > David Bixler W0CH VK2IQX ZL/W0CH

> > Seneca Missouri QRP-L # 618

> >

> > There is his call sign that he has.

> > Hope you can work him.

> > Have fun,  
> >  
> > 73,  
> > Wayne  
> > N=D8EA

73,  
Wayne  
N=D8EA

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 07:00:11 -0400  
From: Scott Hotchkiss <w4pj@bellsouth.net>  
To: anthony@pacinfosb.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71476] Re: slow speed CW  
Message-ID: <3934F0BB.96BB1E09@bellsouth.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

WN6Q de W4PJ R RST 57N QTH FL OP SCOTT HW? AR  
^ ^ ^ ^ ^  
^ ^ ^ ^ ^  
solid copy/report/ location name U copy?  
over

It takes time to get used to all the short-cuts and you need to be reasonably sure the other op is comfortable with this type of exchange. Sometimes by ending with the prosign AR, the other op takes a second to start his xmsn, I guess expecting the common BK, which is somewhat redundant.  
de (Scott) W4PJ

Anthony Felino wrote:

> Gang,  
>  
> I don't think anyone should be afraid to come on the bands with  
> a slow knowledge of CW. But many beginners aren't aware that what  
> marks them as a beginner, and what is difficult for an  
> operator on the other end, is poor procedure, not code speed.

> Most people's speed quickly goes up from on the air experience, but  
> you hear guys who can copy and send pretty well but are still excruciating  
> to work. It doesn't take any extra skill to use faster and more universally  
> understood procedure. In some cases it can more than  
> double your codespeed.  
>  
> For example, look at the following exchange:  
>  
> wn6q wn6q wn6q de kf6xxx kf6xxx kf6xxx bt your rst is 579 579 . my qth is  
> lompoc, ca lompoc, ca bt my name is todd todd. back to you wn6q  
> wn6q wn6q de kf6xxx kf6xxx kf6xxx kn  
>  
> I've sorta combined a bunch of annoying things in one transmission here,  
> but I've heard things pretty close to this.  
>  
> First thing, if someone sounds pretty loud to you, you should probably  
> guess that they can get everything the first time. If they don't, they  
> will ask you for a fill. If they have already given you a signal report  
> that starts in "5," like 579, you know they don't need repeats. Without  
> repeats the above exchange becomes:  
>  
> wn6q de kf6xxx bt your rst is 579 . my qth is  
> lompoc, ca bt my name is todd. back to you wn6q  
> de kf6xxx kn  
>  
> That's quite a bit shorter already. QTH is a signal meaning  
> "my location is..." so "my QTH is.." is redundant.  
> We can get away without the word "is," as some languages do.  
> Now if we just use one abbreviation of the many cw ops use,  
> "u" for "you," the transmission becomes:  
>  
> wn6q de kf6xxx bt ur rst 579. qth lompoc, ca  
> bt name todd. back to u wn6q de kf6xxx kn  
>  
> The use of KN may be a little controversial, but I don't think  
> it has any place unless there is someone else on the frequency,  
> like in a net or roundtable, and you want a specific station to  
> reply. Otherwise just use K. It's snappier. If you have to send  
> KN, send it as one letter, not two separate ones. Same with BK  
>  
> So the way a more  
> experienced op would transmit this would be:  
>  
> wn6q de kf6xxx r ur rst 579 bt qth lompoc, ca bt name todd bt  
> bk to u ar wn6q de kf6xxx k  
>  
> I'd much rather copy that at any speed than the first example.  
> The "r" tells me the other op copied everything, now I can relax

> and listen. It's about communication.  
>  
> I'm sure others will have their (valid) opinions on this, but the above is  
> more or less what you hear on the air from pretty good ops.  
> There are lots of abbreviations and other procedural things to learn,  
> and many of them are of value in speeding things up. This contributes  
> to the feeling that a CW conversation doesn't really progress much  
> slower than a fone conversation with a good operator. But you don't  
> have to learn them all at once. Most of us are still learning.

>  
> 72, WN6Q

> -----  
> Anthony Felino, Pacific Information Design  
> email: anthony@pacinfosb.com  
> telephone: (805) 730 1565, x25  
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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 08:03:44 EDT  
From: Makos327@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71477] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <b7.38669c4.266659a0@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 5/30/00 8:12:25 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
w7ox@earthlink.net writes:

<< Got a note from a friend of mine who upgraded from Tech-Plus  
> to General with the restructuring. He was just advising that we  
> could do some CW together, but also passed on something  
> which I found interesting. Thought I would share it. Here tis:  
>  
> "I heard that several guys around here with Extra licenses gave up  
> their licenses and retested to become Advanced before April 15. They  
> wanted to have a license that "proved" they were better. Go figure."  
>  
> Kind of an interesting theory, no? :-)  
>  
>>

I think this is another "urban myth". See April's CQ magazine.

Larry W2LJ

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 05:37:02 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Jim Durkin <jimdurkin@yahoo.com>  
To: v huntsinger@iwic.net, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71478] Re: slow speed CW  
Message-ID: <20000531123702.22447.qmail@web312.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- Vance Huntsinger <vhuntsinger@iwic.net> wrote:  
> Folks,  
>  
SNIP  
> By the way, in sending "ur rst 579", why not  
> eliminate the "ur"?

Have heard several ops drop the "rst" to just send  
"ur 579".

Seems clear.  
73  
Jim kt4a

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Do You Yahoo!?  
Send instant messages & get email alerts with Yahoo! Messenger.  
<http://im.yahoo.com/>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 06:47:21 -0600 (MDT)  
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.edu (William R Colbert)  
To: w7ox@earthlink.net, qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71479] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <200005311247.GAA19754@rgfn.epcc.edu>

I guess I should have added the rest of the statement that  
"not necessarily would they have had to have taken the Advanced  
class test or held the Advanced license if they were licensed  
between 1951 and 1968 - when there were no new advanced class  
tests or licenses issued/given. I should also have indicated that  
one holding a General class license must have held the same  
prior to the 1968 restructuring for a minimum of 2 years before  
being eligible to take the Extra exam, and if one held the

conditional class license (nearly the same as the General except given by volunteer examiner) that test had to be retaken before a FCC examiner.

Sorry for not completeing the entire statement - may have been confusing.

73

Ray

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"The more I see of the representatives of the people, the more I admire my dogs." letter from Count d'Orsay to John Foster 1850

Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M NARTE-NCT2 SOC#78

El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 06:00:53 -0700  
From: Dave Barrett <DBarrett@creo.com>  
To: "'K2UD@aol.com'" <K2UD@aol.com>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71480] RE: Macintosh terminal software WTD  
Message-ID: <BFEEFC3386986D2119C0800A0C99B5DE601772D79@msgcreo3.creo.bc.ca>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"

There was a great Mac terminal software package around a few years back that I have used exclusively since getting a copy from its author Jim Van Peurse (KE0PH) its called Savant and runs very reliably on my Powerbook 170, it faithfully monitors the local DX packet bbs year after year with never a fault.

contact Jim at 847 538 5207 or fax him at 847 576 8378

If you have no success contacting Jim please feel free to email me back off list.

Dave Barrett VA7DB (Ex VE7PCC)

Vancouver BC Canada

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 07:05:19 -0600  
From: Niel Skousen <nskousen@scientechn.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, spooks@qth.net  
Subject: [71481] FS: R-100, R-9000 maybe  
Message-ID: <4.3.1.2.20000531065640.00a83470@eaglerock.if.scientechn.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I have a several general coverage receivers that may need a new home.  
Well one does, the other maybe...

none of these has any frequency restrictions/blocks

FS:

Icom R-100 general coverage receiver  
(.1Mhz - 1300Mhz) AM/FM/WFM  
(External BFO adapters are available)  
450 or offer (plus shipping)

Standard Radio SR-700 general coverage receiver  
(50Mhz - 903Mhz) AM/FM/WFM  
LCD spectrum scope (1Mhz span, 10kc step)  
(External BFO adapters are available)  
450 or offer (plus shipping)

IF the price is right - the following is avail,  
tho I'm not real anxious to sell it ;-(

Icom R-9000 General coverage receiver  
(.01Mhz - 1999Mhz) CW/SSB/AM/FM/WFM  
Has intermittent display. External video monitor works FB  
How else do you think I could afford it 8-).  
I know which chip, but have not yet replaced  
the video display driver chip.  
3000-3500 seen on eBay, Offer (plus shipping)

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 07:16:46 -0600 (CST)  
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>  
To: earlve3ab@igs.net  
Cc: Low Power Group <qrp-1@LeHigh.EDU>, Multiple recipients of list QRP-CANADA  
<qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>  
Subject: [71482] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.1000531071349.4080B-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I wonder if it's worth it to take units that are no longer used, scrapped,  
etc and take the parts off their boards?....I realize it would take time  
but maybe it might be worth it assuming one can identify the parts and  
that their values are of use to us who dabble in building kits, repairing



them, building from scratch, etc...?.....just a thought and I'd be VERY interested in any comments on this approach....

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272  
A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - SOC #11 & #12 - Whiner#10 -  
"QRP! How sweet it is!" "I am da man wit "DAH" paddle!"

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 09:36:47 -0400  
From: Ken Newman <N2CQ@citnet.com>  
To: epaqrp-1@lehigh.edu, QRP-L@lehigh.edu, njqrp@njqrp.org  
Subject: [71483] [CONTEST]QRP Contesting - June 2000  
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20000531093647.00818be0@mail.citnet.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

QRP Contesters,

The warm weather is on us and the QRP field events with it.  
Check the calendar below and add the good ones to your plans.

The TACTical Contest sponsored by the Eastern PA QRP Club  
is my choice. You'll be glad you entered!

Don't forget the reliable ARS Spartan Sprint on the first  
Monday evening of \*EVERY\* month. (0100z - 0300z Tues)

72 de Ken - N2CQ

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QRP CONTEST CALENDAR

June 2000

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IARU Region 1 Fieldday (CW) ... QRP Category

Jun 3 - 1500z to Jun 4 - 1500z

Rules: <http://home.sol.no/~janalme/rules/iaru1fd.txt>

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QRP TACTical Contest (CW) ... QRP Contest!

Jun 3 - 1800z to 2400z

Rules: <http://www.n3epa.org/pages/tac-contest.htm>

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Adventure Radio Spartan Sprint (CW) ... QRP Contest!

Jun 6 - 0100z to 0300z

Rules: [http://www.natworld.com/ars/pages/spartan\\_sprints/ss\\_rules.html](http://www.natworld.com/ars/pages/spartan_sprints/ss_rules.html)

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W W South American Contest (CW) ... QRP Category

Jun 10 - 0000z to Jun 11 - 1600z

Rules: <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/wwsamc.htm>

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ANARTS WW RTTY/Digital Contest

Jun 10 - 0000z to Jun 11 - 2400z

Rules: <http://home.sol.no/~janalme/rules/anarts.txt>

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Top Of Europe Contesters - WW Grid Contest (SSB)

Jun 10 - 1200z to Jun11 - 1200z

Rules: <http://www.qsl.net/toec/grid.htm>

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All Asian DX Contest (CW)

Jun 17 - 0000z to Jun 28 - 2400z

Rules: <http://home.sol.no/~janalme/rules/allasia.txt>

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West Virginia QSO Party (SSB/CW)

Jun 17 - 1800z to 2400z

Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/jun.html>

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Kid's Day (SSB)

Jun 17 - 1800z to 2400z

Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/ead/kd-rules.html>

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SP QRP Contest (CW) ... QRP Contest!

Jun 24 - 1200z to Jun 25 - 1200z

Rules: <http://home.sol.no/~janalme/rules/spqrp.txt>

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Marconi Memorial Contest (CW) ... QRP Category

Jun 24 - 1400z to Jun 25 1400z

Rules: <http://www.qsl.net/ik6ptj/marconi.htm>

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ARRL Field Day (CW/SSB/RTTY)... QRP Category

Jun 24 - 1800z to Jun 25 - 2100z

Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-fd.html>

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QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day (ALL)... QRP Contest!

Jun 24 - 1800z to Jun 25 - 2100z

Rules: <http://www.qrparci.org/mwfd.htm>

Ken Newman - N2CQ  
Woodbury, NJ  
N2CQ@ARRL.NET

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 10:00:01 -0400  
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>  
To: rattray@gpfn.sk.ca  
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71484] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <39351AE1.3CE6@erols.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bruce,

A good idea for the home workshop, but not a viable solution for the production environment. No manufacturer in his right mind would build with used or even surplus parts. There is too large a risk of part failure on a much larger scale than new parts. Imagine the impact on warranty planning!

However, again, most of us started by removing parts from PC boards to build our earliest projects. For experimentation it is still a viable solution.

73

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 09:02:28 -0500  
From: Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com  
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71485] WI-QRP-QSO party results  
Message-ID: <0F51FAF4FE.269118EB-ON862568F0.004C4ECE@ra.rockwell.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Hey.. remember last March. Cold wet blustery, at least here in the land of cheese and honey. It was a good day to stay inside and operate the Wis QRP QSO party, a piggy back party to the Wis QSO party. Well the results are in.

K3WWP 12,936 points wins the coveted Cheesehead Beer Stein

N0UR           6,825 points wins a Cheesehead Key Chain  
N4ROA         6,080 points wins a Cheesehead Key Chain (and a certificate from  
the Official WI QSO party too)  
N5IW           1,836 points wins a Cheesehead Lapel Pin

Congrats to the winners, We actually had more prizes than entries so it  
pays even to send in the most modest results, Expect your Prizes in the  
mail in a few weeks. See you all next year.

72,  
Brian AE9K / NQ9RP  
QRP Cheeseheads ARC

WI QSO Party results can be found at  
<http://www.warac.org/wqp/2000/00result.htm>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 10:06:42 -0400  
From: "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@ispchannel.com>  
To: "'Dan Reynolds'" <bcdlr13@home.com>  
Cc: "QRP-L (E-mail)" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71486] RE: California Board  
Message-ID: <000a01bfcb09\$73a4fd40\$5c32a7d0@ispchannel.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks Dan. I guess the question now is where can I get that back issue of  
QRPP? Do you have a copy? I'd be happy to defray the cost of a copy.

My 20-m SSB/CW transceiver started life as a 20-meter receiver that was  
described in the Winter 1999 issue of Comm-Quarterly. I wrote about it in  
the QRP-L thread. If you have access to the archives, you can look at that  
dialogue.

There are also Web pix of the receiver as I constructed it. Go to  
[http://www.qsl.net/ka1axy/AI2Q/ai2q\\_20.htm](http://www.qsl.net/ka1axy/AI2Q/ai2q_20.htm) to see the preliminary photos of  
the circuit boards. The original receiver circuit was embellished with  
regulated power sources and additional pre- and post-IF amplifiers. I also  
added a standby function, improved AGC, and an S-meter circuit.

It worked so well that I built up a 1496 balanced modulator with its own  
BFO, and added relay signal routing to/from the IF filter for SSB  
generation. I then built a transmit mixer and broadbanded pre-driver,  
followed by a driver and MOSFET PA stage. I built up relay changeover

circuitry, CW offset, xmit metering, sidetone, and RIT. I also added CW wave shaping.

I haven't had an opportunity to photograph it with a digital camera as of yet, but hopefully will do that soon. It uses almost 100-percent ugly Manhattan construction throughout, and occupies an 8-in. square cube. "Best" part is the 1929 Millen Velvet Vernier main tuning dial!

So far, I've worked 55 countries on 20-M SSB towards the DXCC-2000 award, including ZS, 9K2, Z32, and CE. BTW: it runs 1.5 W output using a "dead" 12-V boat battery, and I use a 150-ft. doublet at 65 feet, fed with open wire transmission line via a balanced tuner.

Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L 687 .-.-.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Reynolds [mailto:bcdlr13@home.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2000 10:19 PM

To: ai2q@ispchannel.com

Subject: Re: California Board

It's in the March 1995 issues of QRPp. The actual article is for 75/80 meters but he talks about what it takes to put it on 20 meters. Except he doesn't give specific component values in the frequency dependent portions (I believe the VFO/BFO board will actually be the same). Dan's Small Parts has the coil forms and a 15 pf air variable. Kanga US or GQRP have the Showa filters (9 MHz, 2.2 KHz bandwidth).

What did you build from? I'm going to take my General soon and I want something portable/mobile to use on 20.

Dan Reynolds

KB9JL0

PS Maybe we can swap construction articles.

----- Original Message -----

From: "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@ispchannel.com>

To: <bcdlr13@home.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2000 8:35 AM

Subject: RE: California Board

> Hi Dan:

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> I read your note with much interest, having just completed a 1.5 W SSB  
> transceiver for 20-meters. Where can I get a copy of the article you  
> mention, or at least a schematic? I'd like to "compare notes."

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> Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L 687 .-.-.

>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of  
> Dan Reynolds  
> Sent: Sunday, May 28, 2000 9:08 PM  
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
> Subject: California Board  
>  
>  
> I would like to talk with someone (off-list) who has built the California  
> Board SSB transceiver for 20 meters. This was in the QRPP March 1995. I  
am  
> thinking of starting this project, with the FAR boards and would like to  
> talk to someone who has built one or more. The author of the article is  
> Bruce Gellatly, VE7ZM and AB6EY did the board design. Also does anyone  
know  
> of a good source for 9.000 MHz SSB filters (Showa).  
> Dan Reynolds  
> KB9JL0  
>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 10:20:24 -0400  
From: tailfeathers@juno.com  
To: jimdurkin@yahoo.com  
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71487] Re: slow speed CW  
Message-ID: <20000531.102102.-4006227.0.tailfeathers@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> > By the way, in sending "ur rst 579", why not  
> > eliminate the "ur"?  
> Have heard several ops drop the "rst" to just send "ur 579".  
> Seems clear.  
> 73  
> Jim kt4a

The only problem with dropping this or that is how do you know what the  
experience level is on the other end? You might say his code speed tells  
you this but what about when code speed or experience isn't noticeable.  
Isn't this how ebonics got started? <grin>  
Gary

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YOU'RE PAYING TOO MUCH FOR THE INTERNET!

Juno now offers FREE Internet Access!  
Try it today - there's no risk! For your FREE software, visit:  
<http://dl.www.juno.com/get/tagj>.

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 15:31:30 +0100  
From: "Andy GM0NWI" <Gm0nwi@tesco.net>  
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71488] Happy Holidays....  
Message-ID: <000501bfc0c\$eb06ca00\$09458cd4@q1n3l2>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey Guy`s

Anyone there in the US maybe tell me if it`s a holiday in CA today OR this week...??

Need to order my "K2" and have been tryin` today....anywhere from 1300-1500 GM-land time, to get through to the guy`s there... TO NO AVAIL....!!

Need to hear from someone in the know..

72s de Andy	gm0nwi@tesco.net
A.R.S. GM0NWI	
"Long Live QRP...!"	"The Weakest Station In The Nation.."

GQRP No.9576	"It is vain to do with more..."
QRP-L No.2165	what can be done with less.."
ICQ No.31899603	

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 07:45:04 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: Gm0nwi@tesco.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71489] Re: Happy Holidays....  
Message-ID: <39352570.E7CFE8C8@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit



Andy GMONWI wrote:

>  
> Hey Guy's  
>  
> Anyone there in the US maybe tell me if it's a holiday in CA today OR this  
> week...??  
>

Every day is a holiday here in CA :-; .. No, except for last Monday ..  
no holidays in CA this week!

Phil

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 07:55:40 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
To: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71490] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.4.10.10005310752090.27178-100000@rotor.dri.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Wed, 31 May 2000, Bruce Muscolino wrote:

>  
> However, again, most of us started by removing parts from PC boards to  
> build our earliest projects. For experimentation it is still a viable  
> solution.

Of course us OF's started by scraping out all the old radios  
we could find. Not many TV sets were being thrown away in  
1952. And no one had heard of PC boards yet.

Ah, to be so young.....

And, using "pre-owned" parts is good for you. You learn  
all about trouble shooting. Nothing like finding out that  
you put in some bad parts! But that's part of the fun.

cul,

73, Ron

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> However, again, most of us started by removing parts from PC boards =  
to  
build our earliest projects. For experimentation it is still a viable  
solution.  
PC boards!?!?!? They didn't have PC boards when I started. I started =  
out  
removing point-to-point parts from junk TV and radio chassis.  
72's es 73's,

Brad Bradfield, PE                      W5CGH                      Test Staff Engineer  
(ex WB=D8CGH)                                  SpectraPoint Wireless LLC

NORTEX	NORCAL	QRP-L #377
SMIRK #4906	QRP-ARCI #	ARS #72
Austin QRP Club #i	Alaska QRP Club #350	

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 11:01:35 -0400  
From: "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>  
To: DBarrett@creo.com

Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71492] RE: Macintosh terminal software WTD  
Message-ID: <v03102804b55ad3003771@[152.15.144.71]>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Dave and others,

You'll find Savant 1.0.1 for Mac here:

<http://ftp.tu-clausthal.de/pub/TEXT/ham-radio/mac/packet>

It is a demo version and I have no idea if or how it is crippled. I installed it on my Mac G3 and it runs although I do not have a packet terminal hooked up.

There is also a Savant update to 1.0.1 at this site.

72,

Rick kf4ar

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 08:11:43 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: BBradfield@spectrapoint.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71493] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <39352BAF.5762629F@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

"Bradfield, Brad V." wrote:

> PC boards!?!?!? They didn't have PC boards when I started. I started out  
> removing point-to-point parts from junk TV and radio chassis.  
>

Brad, at least you had junk TVs. My start was converting Arc-5 stuff ..  
and adding a BFO to a table model SWL rcvr (did not have a TV then).

Phil

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 08:45:50 -0700  
From: "Davies, Doug A FOR:EX" <Doug.Davies@gems3.gov.bc.ca>  
To: "'qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71494] Analog Meters  
Message-ID: <60F1FEB31CA3D211A1B60008C7A45F430997FEF8@blaze.bcsc.GOV.BC.CA>  
Content-return: allowed  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Does anyone know of a source for analog panel meters? I have a few upcoming projects that require them and the major supply houses only stock digital ones.

Doug VA7DD

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 11:54:26 -0400  
From: "Mark Erbaugh" <mark@microenh.com>  
To: <Gm0nwi@tesco.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71495] Re: Happy Holidays....  
Message-ID: <004601bfcbl8\$81eed5b0\$480c7fd8@microenh>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If I understand my time zones: You're on BST, which puts you UTC + 1. CA is UTC - 7 (PDT), so at 1500, your calling them at 7:00am. You might want to try a little later.

Mark

----- Original Message -----  
From: Andy GM0NWI <Gm0nwi@tesco.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2000 10:31 AM  
Subject: Happy Holidays....

> Hey Guy's  
>  
> Anyone there in the US maybe tell me if it's a holiday in CA today OR this  
> week...??  
>  
> Need to order my "K2" and have been tryin' today....anywhere from  
1300-1500  
> GM-land time, to get through to the guy's there... TO NO AVAIL....!!  
>  
> Need to hear from someone in the know..  
>  
> 72s de Andy gm0nwi@tesco.net  
> A.R.S. GM0NWI  
> "Long Live QRP...!" "The Weakest Station In The Nation.."  
>  
> GQRP No.9576 "It is vain to do with more..."  
> QRP-L No.2165 what can be done with less.."  
> ICQ No.31899603  
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>  
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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 08:59:02 -0700  
From: Allan G Taylor <k7gt@qsl.net>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71496] FS/Trade: MFJ493 keyer (distressed)  
Message-ID: <393536C6.6060@qsl.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have an MFJ 493 keyer/keyboard unit that is not working presently. The cost to have it repaired at MFJ (flat rate \$40 + shipping) is such that I would prefer to sell it AS-IS to someone who wants to tackle what is probably an easy fix to get a nice memory keyer/keyboard unit. The problem with it is that it 'trips' the 12V power supply when either paddle is touched (acts normally otherwise). The unit comes with the remote control gadget. Total new price is nearly \$200. I would like to net at least \$35 value from both pieces. The original owner was N7CEE.

Any takers?

Allan K7GT

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Allan Taylor K7GT Pleasanton/Livermore CA

k7gt@qsl.net or k7gt@aol.com

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 12:02:33 -0400  
From: "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71497] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <001701bfcb19\$a2037620\$3d05080a@cincom.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Heck, I remember when computers first came out, spare chips were nowhere to be found.

We did the best we could and started carving them out of wood, by hand, in the snow,  
barefoot, with one arm tied behind our back, uphill, both ways.

----- Original Message -----

From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2000 11:11 AM  
Subject: Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)

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>  
> "Bradfield, Brad V." wrote:  
>  
> > PC boards!?!?!? They didn't have PC boards when I started. I started  
out  
> > removing point-to-point parts from junk TV and radio chassis.  
> >  
>  
> Brad, at least you had junk TVs. My start was converting Arc-5 stuff ..  
> and adding a BFO to a table model SWL rcvr (did not have a TV then).  
>  
> Phil  
>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 09:09:22 -0700  
From: Eric Swartz WA6HHQ - Elecraft <eric@elecraft.com>  
To: Gm0nwi@tesco.net  
Cc: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71498] Re: Happy Holidays.. (Elecraft open?)  
Message-ID: <39353932.EE692002@elecraft.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Andy,

Yes, we're here! Monday was a holiday, but we have been in the office since Tuesday.

You may have been calling before we arrived at the office. 1300 UTC is 6 AM California time this time of year (daylight savings time). We open the phones at about 8 AM CA time, 1500 UTC.

We did receive several calls this morning that were dead lines when we picked up, so that also may have been you. Did you get our answering machine when you called earlier?

Our office number is 831-662-8345. You can also email us directly at: sales@elecraft.com with a copy to my email address, eric@elecraft.com, if you have any problems getting through on the phone.

73, Eric

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Andy wrote:

Anyone there in the US maybe tell me if it's a holiday in CA today OR this week..??

Need to order my "K2" and have been tryin` today....anywhere from 1300-1500 GM-land time, to get through to the guy's there... TO NO AVAIL....!!

Need to hear from someone in the know..

72s de Andy  
A.R.S. GM0NWI  
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<http://www.elecraft.com>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 10:09:50 -0600  
From: carlos.caro@lmco.com  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71499] RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <D0A28D7EFEB4D11181DE0000F80627BB023A4721@emss02m14.ems.lmco.com>  
Content-return: allowed  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

> We did the best we could and started carving them out of wood, by hand, in  
> the snow,  
> barefoot, with one arm tied behind our back, uphill, both ways.  
>  
>  
    With a DULL knife !!

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 11:05:54 -0500  
From: Richard Matthews <prm@hiwaay.net>  
To: w7ox@earthlink.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71500] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.20000531110554.00a0b830@hiwaay.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 08:11 AM 5/31/00 -0700, you wrote:

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>"Bradfield, Brad V." wrote:  
>  
>> PC boards!?!?!? They didn't have PC boards when I started. I started out  
>> removing point-to-point parts from junk TV and radio chassis.  
>>  
>  
>Brad, at least you had junk TVs. My start was converting Arc-5 stuff ..  
>and adding a BFO to a table model SWL rcvr (did not have a TV then).  
>  
>Phil  
.....

Brad and Phil, at least you guys had TV's and ARC stuff, my start was with  
a kite and a key:-)



Sorry, couldn't help goin' you both one better. I do go back far enough that my first receiver was a homebuilt set with a galena crystal and a cat whisker. (Tried to find a cat whisker lately?)

Most folks don't believe it anymore, but I was born in a house that had no electrical power nor running water. Now I have all digital ham gear, cable internet and big screen satellite TV and know, we ain't seen nothing yet.

73

Richard WA4NWW

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 11:07:32 -0500  
From: Richard Matthews <prm@hiwaay.net>  
To: carlos.caro@lmco.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71501] RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.20000531110732.00a0ce50@hiwaay.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 10:09 AM 5/31/00 -0600, you wrote:

>  
>> We did the best we could and started carving them out of wood, by hand, in  
>> the snow,  
>> barefoot, with one arm tied behind our back, uphill, both ways.  
>>  
>>  
> With a DULL knife !!  
.....

Blindfolded

WA4NWW

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 09:17:17 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: carlos.caro@lmco.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71502] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <39353B0D.482B2D7@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

carlos.caro@lmco.com wrote:

>  
> > We did the best we could and started carving them out of wood, by hand, in  
> > the snow,  
> > barefoot, with one arm tied behind our back, uphill, both ways.  
> >  
> >  
>           With a DULL knife !!

Or his teeth.

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 09:18:09 -0700  
From: Allan G Taylor <k7gt@qsl.net>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71503] Re: FS/Trade: MFJ493 keyer (distressed)  
Message-ID: <39353B41.2375@qsl.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gone... to KA5T.

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Allan Taylor K7GT Pleasanton/Livermore CA  
k7gt@qsl.net or k7gt@aol.com

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 09:13:21 -0400  
From: "Joe Everhart" <n2cx@voicenet.com>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Cc: "NJ-QRP" <njqrp@njqrp.org>  
Subject: [71504] New Gusher Antenna FS  
Message-ID: <000001bfcb1d\$205fc2a0\$3b5547d1@herong>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Gusher Hi-Bander

There is now a new Gusher dipole the Hi-/Bander. Replacing the Gusher 20-20, it is a Lightweight half-wave center fed dipole antenna intended for temporary portable installations. Based on the Gusher Classic it comes ready built with a sealed center insulator, 30+ feet of RG-174 coax feedline and an installed BNC connector. Elements are constructed of small-gauge insulated stranded wire for a complete weight of well under a pound. The Hi-Bander comes ready cut for your choice of the 20, 17, 15, 12 or 10 meter Amateur band. And the best part is the price for orders placed by the end of June, the price will be \$19 postpaid.

Also still available are the Gusher Classic monobander that can be cut for any frequency from 40 thru 10 meters and the Gusher 2-L which can be configured as a multiband HF antenna for 40 thru 10 meters. The Gusher Classic is \$25 postpaid and the Gusher 2-L is \$28 postpaid in the U.S.

For more info write to N2CX at:

Joe Everhart  
214 NJ Rd  
Brooklawn, NJ 08030

n2cx@voicenet.com

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 12:36:47 -0400  
From: "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>  
To: <carlos.caro@lmco.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71505] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <001101bfcb1e\$69f478b0\$3d05080a@cincom.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

<GRIN>

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----- Original Message -----

From: <carlos.caro@lmco.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2000 12:09 PM

Subject: RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)

>  
> > We did the best we could and started carving them out of wood, by hand,  
in  
> > the snow,  
> > barefoot, with one arm tied behind our back, uphill, both ways.  
> >  
> >  
> With a DULL knife !!  
>  
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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 12:41:28 -0500  
From: "Randy Randall" <RANDALLR@Healthall.com>  
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, <carlos.caro@lmco.com>  
Subject: [71506] RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <s9350884.070@healthall.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable  
Content-Disposition: inline

You had a knife? I had a piece of flint!

>>> <carlos.caro@lmco.com> 05/31 11:09 AM >>>

> We did the best we could and started carving them out of wood, by hand, =  
in  
> the snow,  
> barefoot, with one arm tied behind our back, uphill, both ways.  
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>=20  
    With a DULL knife !!

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 11:43:24 -0500  
From: Richard Matthews <prm@hiwaay.net>  
To: Michael Neverdosky <mneverdosky@earthlink.net>, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71507] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.20000531114324.00a0c240@hiwaay.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 12:32 PM 5/31/00 +0000, you wrote:

>  
>I've got boxes full of cat whiskers (from real cats). I use them to make  
>tools for Suminigashi artists. This is an art form where ink is floated  
>on water a pattern produced that is picked up with silk or paper.  
>  
>The tool is simply a bamboo chopstick with a cat whisker on the end and  
>is used to gently manipulate the pattern of ink.  
>  
>It is nice to have hobbies besides radio and electronics. :-)  
>  
>michael N6CHV  
.....

How did the cats feel about you gathering those? Sounds like the  
Suminigashi artists would be great SMK-1 assemblers.

Is that the guys who paint landscapes on grains of rice?

73

Richard WA4NWW

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 12:51:50 -0400  
From: "Mark Erbaugh" <mark@microenh.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71508] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <005201bfcb20\$daf42a90\$400c7fd8@microenh>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The rationale is that the pre-April 15 Advanced license is the only license  
that now demonstrates test code speed in excess of 5 WPM. I don't know if it  
matters, but suppose you wanted to get a reciprocal license from a country  
that still had a 12 WPM code requirement. If their licensing regulations are  
up to date, they shouldn't accept a General or Extra license issued after  
April 14. However, knowing how some bureaucrats work they may refuse to  
accept any General or Extra license.

Just my thoughts,  
Mark

----- Original Message -----

From: John Nally <nally@talstar.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2000 6:42 PM

Subject: License upgrades

> Got a note from a friend of mine who upgraded from Tech-Plus  
> to General with the restructuring. He was just advising that we  
> could do some CW together, but also passed on something  
> which I found interesting. Thought I would share it. Here tis:  
>  
> "I heard that several guys around here with Extra licenses gave up  
> their licenses and retested to become Advanced before April 15.  
They  
> wanted to have a license that "proved" they were better. Go figure."  
>  
> Kind of an interesting theory, no? :-)  
>  
> John WB4LOQ (Advanced, if anyone is interested, since 1968)  
>

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Date: Wed, May 31 2000 13:18:22 GMT-0400

From: nally@talstar.com

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [71509] License Upgrades and EatingCrow

Message-ID: <20000531171822821.AAA576@alpha.talstar.com@mail.talstar.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

So I got suckered into putting an urban legend  
into play, with regard to license upgrades. :-(

Oh well, not the first time I ever got bit. Would  
anyone like some Neiman-Marcus cookies???

But I will say this about the Extra Class licensees  
who are complaining (and I am not one of them): I  
think they have a legitimate gripe. Not that they  
should act childish about it, but to be fair the FCC  
should have designated something like Extra-Plus to  
designate the ones who did the 20 WPM test. No extra

bandwidth, but just recognition. So that is my two cents (and worth every cent of it, no doubt).

John WB4LOQ

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 13:18:20 EDT  
From: Wb8siw@aol.com  
To: mark@microenh.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71510] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <a2.50e9057.2666a35c@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 05/31/2000 12:57:29 PM Eastern Daylight Time, mark@microenh.com writes:

<< The rationale is that the pre-April 15 Advanced license is the only license that now demonstrates test code speed in excess of 5 WPM. >>

If you really need a certificate, why not just participate in a W1AW qualifying run? Better yet, why not just get on the air and prove to the world that you can do better than 5 WPM? LOL.

73, Jim WB8SIW

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 18:22:51 +0100  
From: "Andy GM0NWI" <Gm0nwi@tesco.net>  
To: <Qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71511] RE:Happy Holidays...THANKS  
Message-ID: <001301bfcb24\$da3aa1c0\$be438cd4@q1n3l2>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Guy`s

Just to say "thanks" for the overwhelming response on this one...

Have gotten myself "into gear" and now it's dawned on me of the time difference between CA and GM-land for this time of year...





Message-ID: <009201bfcb28\$80450300\$2101a8c0@insydesw.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> So I got suckered into putting an urban legend  
> into play, with regard to license upgrades. :-(

Hey, no problem, EVERYONE gets bit sooner or later!!

But...

> But I will say this about the Extra Class licensees  
> who are complaining (and I am not one of them): I  
> think they have a legitimate gripe. Not that they  
> should act childish about it, but to be fair the FCC  
> should have designated something like Extra-Plus to  
> designate the ones who did the 20 WPM test. No extra  
> bandwidth, but just recognition. So that is my two  
> cents (and worth every cent of it, no doubt).  
>  
> John WB4LOQ

Why???? This is EXACTLY the barrier the FCC is  
trying to break down!

If 20wpm means something to you, go for it!

Mike

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 11:40:23 -0600  
From: "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71514] FOX Results?  
Message-ID: <3934FA27.16219.4F1F73@localhost>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Winter Foxhunt Results?

I was away over Dayton weekend and if the results were posted I missed them.

Could somebody post or repost them please?

Marshall Emm, N1FN  
Milestone Technologies, Inc.  
(303) 752-3382  
<http://www.mtechnologies.com>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 12:48:24 -0500  
From: Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI <ka9nzi@arrl.net>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [71515] Re: License upgrades  
Message-ID: <39355067.F2C3A7FE@arrl.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

True for the bureaucrats, but I don't think that is the "rationale".  
After  
all, if they are so proud of having passed 20 wpm, then surely they  
could pass it again, right? (snicker...) How long does it take to pass a

code test? Five minutes? Ten? And how many of those "native extras"  
could pass today's written extra exam? Even the so-called "dumbed down"  
version since April 15? How many of them can answer pointed questions  
about current technologies like PSK31 or spread spectrum?

I think the thing that bothers me the most about all this "extra lite"  
talk is  
that the people doing the most complaining are obviously treating their  
license as proof that they are somehow "better" than others. That was  
certainly never the intent of any FCC licensing requirement or plan.

I got my general in 1983 before the VE system. So I passed 13 wpm  
and the then-current exam before an FCC examiner. So what? And  
I have never seen any need to upgrade (still don't). Sure, I've been  
improving my skills and studying new things all along. But what's the  
point of upgrading? To get more phone spectrum that I won't use  
anyway? To change my call? (Phooey on that one.) To hob-nob with  
the snobs in the bottom 25 kHz? Who needs it?

As much fun as morse/CW may be, it is no longer the heart and soul of  
communication even in time of emergency. It isn't even the heart and  
soul  
of amateur radio any more, or of DXing (many countries have no CW ops

on the air at all but they do have phone users.) Digital and satellite, UHF and microwave, spread spectrum, and other new technologies are growing rapidly. Morse at best is just holding its own. The FCC has made the right move.

It is up to us, the users, the licensees, to make sure that Morse doesn't die.

Trying to keep it alive by regulation is doomed to failure. You have to keep it alive by making it interesting and rewarding. That 5 wpm competency is enough for anyone to get started, provided we help them along. It always

was enough. How many novices went on to higher licenses and higher speeds? I'm sure the majority of them did so.

By the way, for the critics of the "multiple choice" code test: The 13 wpm test I took in the FCC office was not multiple choice, but it was "fill in the blank". I did not have to hand in a minute of solid copy then, either. I think when I took the 5 wpm novice test for the volunteer examiner, he looked for that 25 characters of solid copy, but I'm not sure whether

that was just the easy way to evaluate it or really required by the rules at that time. Wasn't the novice examiner just supposed to certify that he/she was satisfied that the applicant could receive code at 5 wpm, and the method of determining that was left to the individual? (Of course, that was acceptable because the novice would still have had to pass the 13 wpm for the FCC examiner eventually or lose their license.)

-- Gary Phillips, Marengo, IL <mailto:ka9nzi@arrl.net>  
KA9NZI, Seneca Twp., McHenry Co., IL Grid: EN52rg  
QRP-L #2124 <http://www.qsl.net/ka9nzi/>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 13:24:55 -0400 (EDT)  
From: "baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com" <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: carlos.caro@lmco.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [71516] RE: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.4.05L.10005311324330.19402-1000000@vh1.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Wed, 31 May 2000 carlos.caro@lmco.com wrote:

>  
> > We did the best we could and started carving them out of wood, by hand, in  
> > the snow,  
> > barefoot, with one arm tied behind our back, uphill, both ways.  
> >  
> >  
> With a DULL knife !!

Real hams did it with spoons

../  
baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster

<http://www.baltimoremd.com/> Baltimore's Home Page  
<http://www.baltimorehon.com> Home of the Baltimore Lexicon  
<http://www.min.net/~thom/> Home of the Drake Mailing List

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 13:35:54 -0500  
From: "Bradfield, Brad V." <BBradfield@spectrapoint.com>  
To: "'Doug.Davies@gems3.gov.bc.ca'" <Doug.Davies@gems3.gov.bc.ca>, "'QRP-L'" <qrp-  
l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71517] Re: Analog Meters  
Message-ID: <8D9A3E0C6F42D1118EDC0060081D3FFA02DD9B41@ucusmail.spectrapoint.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Hello Doug - -

Analog panel meters are still made by companies like Simpson and =  
Triplet,  
but be sure you're sitting down when you look at the prices. Newark =  
and  
Allied, and probably Mouser and Digi-Key, just to name a few, still =  
carry  
them, but I don't think there is ANY source of new inexpensive meters =



> Does anyone know of a source for analog panel meters? I have a few  
upcoming  
> projects that require them and the major supply houses only stock digital  
> ones.  
>  
> Doug VA7DD  
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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 13:21:39 -0600 (CST)  
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>  
To: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
Cc: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
<qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71519] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.1000531131756.27759L-1000000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Boy, the "THRU hole Parts" thread is terrific....."a dull knife" and  
"blindfolded"!!!!.....HI HI HI.....I've been laughing and laughing.....  
many thanks to all!.....looks like it's a mixture of taking parts off  
boards, using new parts from the NorCal Parts kits, SMT as the wheels of  
change slowly move onward!....thanks to everyone!

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272  
A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - SOC #11 & #12 - Whiner#10 -  
"QRP! How sweet it is!" "I am da man wit "DAH" paddle!"

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 15:41:13 -0400  
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71520] Re: THRU hole Parts (Diminishing Sources)  
Message-ID: <01bb01bfcb38\$3d8cada0\$2101a8c0@insydesw.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You had a KNIFE????

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 20:37:22 +0100  
From: "George Dobbs" <g3rjv@gqrp.demon.co.uk>  
To: <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71521] Silent Key  
Message-ID: <000701bfc37\$d3e1e5a0\$151d989e@kcubkvql>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Frank has been unwell for some months.

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Many of you will know Frank from his extensive QRP website.

I will be conducting Frank's funeral, in Hull, next Tuesday.

72/3  
George

George Dobbs G3RJV  
g3rjv@gqrp.com  
The G QRP Club  
[www.gqrp.com]

"It is vain to do with more  
what can be done with less"

William of Occum. 1290-1350

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 12:37:38 -0700  
From: Radman <radman@best.com>  
To: "'Davies, Doug A FOR:EX'" <Doug.Davies@gems3.gov.bc.ca>, Low Power Amateur  
Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71522] RE: Analog Meters  
Message-ID: <01BFCAFD.02361A60@radman.vip.best.com>

Doug & the gang,

Check Mouser's latest catalog (# 602) pg 79. You'll find a nice assortment  
of panel-mount, analog meters of all sizes. In addition Mouser has  
edge-reading and DC miniature panel meters. All from, 'Modutec.' I'd rate

them as a good buy at prices ranging from ~\$10 to \$21 ea. Check 'em out at  
URL: <http://www.mouser.com> OR: 800-346-6873.

GL es 73,

Conrad - NN6CW

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To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
Subject: Analog Meters

Does anyone know of a source for analog panel meters? I have a few  
upcoming  
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Doug VA7DD

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 13:40:53 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: Ron White <rwhite@netins.net>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71523] Re: Analog Meters  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10005311333510.9853-1000000@shell.rt66.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Wed, 31 May 2000, Ron White wrote:

> I just received a catalog this morning from Dalbani's in Miami.  
> They have both analog and digital meters.  
> They also have some nice looking tweezers, soldering stuff, etc.  
> I've never heard of them and their web page, (<http://www.dalbani.com>), does  
> not have much listed as yet.

DALBANI is a firm that specializes primarily in supporting radio/TV/VCR  
repair shops. They've been around for years. 15 years ago, we used some  
50 VCR's for recording astronomical data, and got all of our alignment  
tools, spare parts (heads, corner posts, belts, etc.) from Dalbani. They  
also have (or had) a large selection of IC's used in CB's, etc.. I bought  
some NE602's from them a couple of years ago, but they were out when I  
last checked :- ( Also used to have gobs of replacement switches, pots,  
etc. that were reasonably priced. Haven't done business with them for



about 2 years now, but I never had a problem with them for the 10+ years we did. I give them a "thumbs up."

72, Paul NA5N

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 15:55:33 -0400  
From: "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71524] Re: License upgrades & C.C. Plummer  
Message-ID: <v03102805b55b19abd8d1@[152.15.144.71]>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

How many folks remember having to send 13 WPM to an FCC examiner to upgrade to general? That was a very frightening experience to me when I was 15 much worse than the written or receiving tests. I can still remember my palms sweating, being very nervous, and having the examiner tell me very calmly to relax. Somehow I passed, which was terrific since my dad had to drive 2 hours to get me there and I sure didn't want to disappoint him.

You couldn't just go home and operate with your new privileges either. You had to wait on the oh so slow FCC to mail you that new license. My novice license expired before the general license arrived so I was off the air for awhile even though I had passed the tests. How things have changed.

You're an old timer if the name C.C. Plummer rings a bell.

72,

Rick kf4ar

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 15:04:28 -0500  
From: David Heintzleman <pstrdave@kdsi.net>  
To: rerobins@email.uncc.edu  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71525] Re: License upgrades & C.C. Plummer  
Message-ID: <3935704C.843630F8@kdsi.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I remember Plummer, his name is on three of my licenses - the old 1 yr novice et al. Fortunately I was blessed with wonderful teachers/lovers of code  
73, Dave K8BBM

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:04:55 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: gqrp@onelist.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71526] Re: Silent Key  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10005311357050.9853-100000@shell.rt66.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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Please express to Frank's family how many friends he truly had here in the states and around the world. I never met Frank, but had many email exchanges with him. His G3YCC website is legendary and was an expression of Frank himself ... a ham who always wanted to share and help others, the true Elmer. He will be sadly missed. It's always a shame to lose someone from this fraternity, especially a person that became a friend to so many, if only from a QSO or through the internet.

72, Paul NA5N  
Socorro, New Mexico

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 16:06:26 -0400  
From: "Richard E. Robinson" <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [71527] Re: Analog Meters  
Message-ID: <v03102806b55b1f091c2d@[152.15.144.71]>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Dan's Small Parts has some analog meters. Not a large selection but a few at reasonable prices.

<http://www.fix.net/~jparker/dans.html#dan's22>

I've bought some of Dan's meters before and they are great quality for the money. Dan is my first stop for anything I need. He ships quick and is reasonably priced.

Also, try All Electronics.

<http://www.allectronics.com>

An order of mine from All Electronics came in today with their new catalog in it which has meters listed. I've bought meters from them before and they are also good quality. They have a larger selection of meters than Dan's.

Usual disclaimers apply, I'm just a satisfied customer of Dan's and All Electronics.

72,

Rick kf4ar

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 16:26:33 -0400  
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: <rerobins@email.uncc.edu>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71528] Re: Analog Meters  
Message-ID: <025e01bfcb3e\$867fda40\$2101a8c0@insydesw.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I can also recommend All Electronics. Great people to deal with.

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Mike

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 15:20:21 -0500  
From: Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71529] slow speed CW  
Message-ID: <0F50AE970E.57E3567D-0N862568F0.006F533D@ra.rockwell.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

When I became a novice back in the early 70's I received a reprint of an article from the Nov 1956 QST called 'Your Novice Accent'. It was very helpful in helping me fit in on the air and gave some me confidence in making my first contacts. Someone on the list has a copy of it on their website but I can't remember who. I think it would be a good thing to send along to any new generals or extras we run into on the air as a standard to start from.

Brian AE9K

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 15:21:27 -0500  
From: "Randall" <Firefox@Southwind.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71530] Re: Analog Meters  
Message-ID: <018b01bfcb3d\$ce648140\$2b5986d1@default>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

<http://www.allelectronics.com/>

----- Original Message -----  
From: Mike Yetsko <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2000 3:26 PM  
Subject: Re: Analog Meters

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> > Rick kf4ar  
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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 16:44:05 -0500  
From: "Randy Randall" <RANDALLR@Healthall.com>  
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71531] SG-2020 is the battery case made-o-gold?  
Message-ID: <s9354170.084@healthall.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable  
Content-Disposition: inline

>From what I can see it must be!!!! I can get the SG-2020 from my local =  
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think it is worth \$565.00 for an empty ( No batteries included folks ) =  
case, a cover, a cheap-o mike and a carry strap. I think I'll look for a =  
QRP++ or something similar.  
Randy.

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:46:15 -0500  
From: Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>  
To: RANDALLR@Healthall.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71532] Re: SG-2020 is the battery case made-o-gold?  
Message-ID: <39356C07.42A0@companet.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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Randy Randall wrote:

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>porta-pack. I do not think it is worth \$565.00 for an empty  
>(No batteries included folks) case, a cover, a cheap-o mike and  
>a carry strap.

Though the SG-2020 is not the radio for me (there seems to be a  
significant number of simple enhancements that should be made in some  
future version, including a lighter-weight case), its price does not  
seem unreasonable. But SGC sets the price of any accessories completely  
unrealistically, such as the item you mention.

What can they possibly be thinking, unless they are continuing the same  
approach they use for their commercial customers?

73,

Mike / KK5F

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:15:57 +0000  
From: flyer@hooked.net  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71533] The Bottom End of 10 Meters  
Message-ID: <200005312114.0AA08535@wenet.net>

Could someone please tell me what all the phone signals are at the bottom end of the 10 meter band, where I would like to be working CW? A lot of them are AM and some of them are SSB. Where are they located and what are they talking about?

Mark Smith    W7MTP    Pleasanton, CA

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:14:40 PDT  
From: "Brad Hernlem" <alihernlem@hotmail.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71534] Interesting QRP Site  
Message-ID: <20000531211440.41532.qmail@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Recently ran across the following very interesting site. Lots of applications for the ubiquitous NE592.

<http://www.qrp4u.de/>

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Get Your Private, Free E-mail from MSN Hotmail at <http://www.hotmail.com>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 17:28:38 -0400  
From: Stephen Trier <sct@po.cwru.edu>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71535] Your Novice Accent  
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.20000531172838.0098ead0@hunny.cwru.edu>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Gang,

Brian, AE9K, mentioned "Your Novice Accent", from the November 1956 QST. Here's a URL for it:



<http://www.carroll-usa.com/vanity/articles/novacnt.html>

It's a good article.

Stephen

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Stephen Trier  
sct@po.cwru.edu  
KG8IH

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:19:09 -0700  
From: Bob Hightower <nk7m@extremezone.com>  
To: g3rjv@gqrp.demon.co.uk  
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71536] Re: Silent Key  
Message-ID: <200005312132.0AA06480@enterprise.extremezone.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 08:37 PM 5/31/2000 +0100, you wrote:  
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>

I'm very, very sorry to hear that. We will all miss him, I'm sure, whether we had a chance to meet him or not. Great web site, and a great contributor to the general qrp knowldege fund.

Bob Hightower NK7M  
Chandler, AZ  
SOC #20  
K2 #157/255

<http://www.extremezone.com/~nk7m>

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 17:37:28 -0400  
From: "Thaire Bryant" <tbry37@ici.net>  
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [71537] DL\_PA INFO  
Message-ID: <000401bfcb48\$6c7edb00\$8222380a@evplaptop.dp056.sysco.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks to all who responded...I have the info now.

73  
Thaire W2APF

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:41:50 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: RANDALLR@Healthall.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71538] Re: SG-2020 is the battery case made-o-gold?  
Message-ID: <3935871E.FE71A785@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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carry strap. I think I'll look for a QRP++ or something similar.  
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You might think on building a K2, Randy.

Phil

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:43:27 -0700  
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>  
To: sct@po.cwru.edu  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71539] Re: Your Novice Accent  
Message-ID: <3935877F.6515130E@earthlink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks. Brings back memories, especially the QST (of the time) cartoons.

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> sct@po.cwru.edu  
> KG8IH

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:47:41 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Steve Yates <aa5tb@yahoo.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [71540] Re: Analog Meters  
Message-ID: <20000531214741.6637.qmail@web3001.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Doug,

You may not have this luxury where you live but I prefer to find my analog meters on the surplus market.

The construction of analog meters seems to be a lost art and the "new" meters just seem cheap to me even though they are very expensive. I realize this may not always be the case but I have grabbed up a few really nice meters with perfected damping action and quality construction for much less money than what a new meter would cost me.

My method of home construction can't be applicable to everyone but I tend to scour the sidewalk sales and surplus outlets for components I might use in a future homebrew project. This creates a sometimes "unwanted" junk box but the expense for projects is low.

Someone here on the list probably knows of a good surplus outfit that is "Internet ready". The local place I use will never be on the Internet but it is a gold mine for parts. I bet such places are hidden all over the place.

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73,

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:55:17 -0700 (PDT)

From: Steve Yates <[aa5tb@yahoo.com](mailto:aa5tb@yahoo.com)>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <[qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU)>

Subject: [71541] Re: The Bottom End of 10 Meters

Message-ID: <20000531215517.7582.qmail@web3001.mail.yahoo.com>

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Mark,

Those signals are CB'ers. The problem is getting much worse with the advent of "export" only "10m rigs" and amplifiers that are on the market now. Galaxy is a brand that I ran across recently when surfing the net.

The vast quantities of illegal gear available nowadays disgust me. There seems to be no regulation.

10m use to be my favorite band but the activities you speak of caused my blood pressure to rise so much I stay off of it now for the most part. I know this is counterproductive but I got to keep telling myself this is just a hobby.

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 16:08:22 -0700

From: Roger J Wendell <[zeekzilch@juno.com](mailto:zeekzilch@juno.com)>

To: [cqclist@cqc.org](mailto:cqclist@cqc.org), [qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU)

Subject: [71542] QRP Social Capital on NPR

Message-ID: <20000531.160825.-385269.3.zeekzilch@juno.com>

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Could this be a QRP club near you?

NPR is running a piece on America's "Social Capital" this afternoon. I was in the car and not able to take notes. However, their suggestion is that American participation in organizations of all types has been really low these past two to three decades while membership levels remain the same.

In 1970 the average American participated in one social event, with an organized group, each month. In 1999 it was down to 5 per year.

They attribute this mostly to television and the suburbs. Every ten minute increase in one's commute, apparently, reduces social participation by nearly 50 percent.

On the other hand, it has been demonstrated that increased interaction with social groups actually prolongs a person's life significantly.

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 16:31:04 -0600

From: zmola@campbellsci.com

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [71543] Dead cordless phones, was Re: through hole parts shorage?

Message-ID: <200005311643.QAA32327@demeter.campbellsci.com>

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"Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com> wrote

> Right on, Roy. Every QRP'er must remember that the electronics industry  
> is market driven, and right now, that market is 800-900 MHz cell phones  
> and personal communications gadgets. The first cell phones (using thru

> hole parts) looked like a WWII command set for several hundred bucks.  
> Now, they easily fit into a shirt pocket, \$100 or less, and run for hours  
> off a couple of tiny 3V batteries. Which one would you buy today? No

OK cell phones and 900mhz+ techno toys are the current hot things,  
49mhz cordless phones have been around for long enough to find their  
way to the junk pile. Has anyone scalped a cordless phone for parts.  
They even have a little duplexer inside :-). there FM, but it would be neat  
to turn one into a 50mhz cw rig :-)

Carl  
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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 18:40:23 EDT  
From: W1R0@aol.com  
To: flyer@hooked.net, qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [71544] Re: The Bottom End of 10 Meters  
Message-ID: <5f.5e99ea1.2666eed7@aol.com>  
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Many of them are Mexican CB'ers. Some are located in Las Vegas, NV talking  
with their families across the border. Did you get to listen to the beep  
tones and sirens at the start or finish of a transmission. I've sent an email  
to the FCC requesting to know if this is now part of the Mexican Official CB  
band. It might take a lot more emails and letters to find out the truth.  
Many of the signals heard in Las Vegas are after normal working hours during  
the week.

Hope this helps.

Jim  
W1R0/7

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